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TELEGRAM

April 15, 2002

To: SECSTATE WASHDC - IMMEDIATE
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From: AMEMBASSY CARACAS (CARACAS 1013 - IMMEDIATE)
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Captions: None
Subject: VENEZUELA SITREP AS OF 6:00AM APRIL 15 - NO NEWS
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1. (C) Throughout the early morning of April 15, private local television ran commercial programming or, in the case of Globovision, some taped old news stories. Venezolana de Television, the official channel, also ran Venezuela tourism stories and re-runs of Chavez's earlier speech in Maracay and his 4:00am April 14 speech from Miraflores.

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U.S. Citizens

4. (C) Embassy has not received any reports of deaths or injuries to U.S. citizens since the start of this crisis. From 11:00pm April 14 to 6:00am April 15 Embassy received less than 20 calls from U.S. citizens, all seeking information on the current situation.

First Post-Change Anti-Chavez Demonstration

5. (U) On Sunday evening a small (local press estimates 500) but boisterous crowd appeared at Plaza Francia in Altimira section of Caracas to protest against Chavez's return to power. The crowd chanted "autogolpe" (self-coup) along with the more familiar anti-Chavez slogans. Plaza Francia has been the site for many anti-Chavez demonstrations.

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